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MAY EXEMPT SMALL

CORPORATIONS

All of the Republican members of the Senate Finance committee are said to agree with President Taft upon his proposition of a tax of 2 per cent. on the net earnings of corporations, but with the limitation that it shall apply only on net earnings in excess of \$5,000 a year, the purpose of which provision is to exempt the small corporations from the tax. It may be doubted whether the tax, even if generally applicable, would be upheld by the Supreme court; it would be doubly discriminatory if small corporations be made exempt. Such exemption would be just, for many small corporations could not withstand such tax without injury to their stockholders, but there is a doubt of the legality of it.

Supporters of the proposed tax are apprehensive that the great corporations will, with the aid of the best legal talent, find means of evading all or a part of the burden, through juggling with bonds. To avert this danger, the proposition, when completed, will limit the percentage of bonds to shares, and it may also exempt the income from bonds held by savings banks. As a matter of fact, the entire earnings of savings banks should be exempted, for the tax would reduce the interest rates paid upon the deposits of the poor.

One inevitable effect of the tax will be to reduce the number of corporations. Many men who have organized themselves into corporations for the purpose of avoiding personal liability, will hasten to accept it rather than pay this tax and will dissolve their corporations and reorganize into partnerships. This will be particularly true of corporations with net earnings of not over \$5,000 are not exempted, and it will be measurably true as to larger corporations. There are few lengths to which men will not go to escape taxation, even to perjury sometimes in making oath to a tax list.

But the surprise of the matter is that the Senate Finance committee is willing to endorse this direct-tax proposition which is in reality "a step toward free trade" and would have been hotly denounced as such but a few years ago. If enacted, it may render unnecessary more or less duties, yet it stands approved by the high-protection members of the committee.

"STOCKING TRUST" VS.

WOMEN OF U. S.

As may be recalled, the House raised the tariff rate on hosiery some 30 per cent., and so great a protest from the women of the country followed that the Senate Finance committee cut it down to the present rate. Now, it is stated that the so-called "Stocking Trust" is actively working to secure a compromise from the coming conference committee—that is, a tariff rate higher than the present duty but cutting down somewhat the House increase of 30 per cent. A letter from New York to the Farmer contains the following:

Lulled into a false sense of security by the prompt action of the Senate in reducing to its former rate the higher hosiery tariff, which the House had been led to raise some 30 per cent., the women of the land have almost been pushed into a political pitfall by the shrewd agents of the stocking trust at Washington. It is declared. While every consumer was commending the Senators for delivering the people from the clutches of one more trust, it is reported, the men who would fatten on the control of the price of hosiery—American men—must pay for their stockpiling have been actively working to compel a compromise in the Conference Committee. While the women of the country have been furnished enough protection to double the business of the stocking trust in eight years, the dry goods experts show by official figures, any such compromise must enormously increase their present large profits and allow them to dictate the price of this necessity.

Unless the women who must keep their families supplied with stockings write, wire, or send a protest from their representatives on the Conference committee at Washington, it seems assured that a quiet compromise will be effected and the stocking trust, from every community in the country, the wives of many prominent men here, who have interested themselves in the movement, are today heavily setting to work to defeat, in the interests of millions of poorer consumers, this trust trick. Welfare workers and leading members of philanthropic and charitable organizations in this city are also interesting themselves in this cause of the poor of the land.

To Senators Aldrich, Burrows and Hale as well as Congressmen Payne, McCall and Hill the women of every section of the country are being urged to protest before night falls. If these men receive sufficient evidence that all American families are in earnest in their fight against trust control of cotton stockings, it is declared, there may yet be some hope of making the voice of the people overcome the selfish demands of the favored few manufacturers.

In the June expenditures of the government thus far, the largest single item is for pensions, \$10,372,000, or more than double the cost of the army, sea-coast defenses, etc., and also more by \$3,612,000 than the cost of the navy. The cost of a war seems to be greater after than up to its conclusion.

In a recent decision, the New Jersey Court of Appeals has decided that any place in which illegal practices are carried on is a disorderly house. Of course this decision is not binding elsewhere than in New Jersey, but possibly the same principle may be applicable elsewhere. The case thus decided was upon a charge of the exaction of exorbitant interest rates.

If, as reported, the special committee on public utilities will merely enlarge the membership of the Railroad Commission to five, and extend its jurisdiction to cover public utilities, the effect will be the same as to merely enlarge the jurisdiction without enlarging the membership, for the two new members would be in a minority and powerless against the three old members in whose impartiality as between corporations and people the latter's confidence is not wholly perfect.

Where should savings bank deposits which are undisturbed for 30 years go to the State which "needs the money" to meet extravagant expenditures, to the banks which do not need it unless to build palatial banking houses, or to the other depositories, in the form of increased interest, who place their money in the banks in expectation of interest rates which will be reasonable but which may be reduced by bad loans or other causes and which are now reduced by State taxation? The question is one which answers itself.

Of course, the Senate Finance committee dissents from the House proposition for free rides and levies a tariff duty of 15% upon them, with a drawback on exported leather. Why should the committee not do so doesn't the Beef Trust which is the sole beneficiary, demand protection, and is not the Finance committee apparently bound by "hooks of steel" to all the big trusts? The effect of the proposed drawback will be simply to permit the Beef Trust's tanneries to sell leather cheaper in foreign markets than at home.

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FASHIONS AND FADS

Silk panels are plentiful. Draped waistlets are very popular. A new fad is the bathing parasol. The trend is toward picturesque effects.

Violets trim many of the new purple hats.

There is quite a fancy for hip ornamentation.

The general trend of the hat brim is downward.

Never were linen suits more popular than now.

The princess costume is the keynote in children's apparel.

Guimpe will lose nothing in favor for summer wear.

Handsome bathing suits are in the princess style.

The day of the wide and fussy neckerchief is passing.

There is inevitably an increase in the width of skirts.

It is a fad to have belt buckles made of metal cases.

The black and white hat is most modish for all occasions.

Silk that rustles does not figure in the present fashion scheme.

Flowers and fruits are used in enormous quantities in millinery.

Trim cravats are again the thing, finished with dainty little stickpins.

Foundation collars made of net rather than of chiffon are now to be had.

The Directorate is only hinted at in the development of washable materials.

Metallic ribbon belts, finished with buckles of the same tone, are popular.

Perforated tips are seen on many of the smartest pumps and one-eyed ties.

A good many eighteenth-century ruchings are being used on new gowns and wraps.

Traveling skirts are cut so that they encase the ground by a scant three inches.

The pointed waistline is a novelty after the straight cross effects of the empire cut.

Among the materials used for bathing suits are mohair, fine serge, taffeta and silk serge.

Some of the newest and smartest of skirt and coat costumes are being made without sleeves.

Some of the petticoats worn with the high-waisted skirts are made with a wide-fitted belt.

Moss roses, with their attendant buds and foliage, are being much used in hat trimmings.

Hat styles demand that the hair be flat at the front, wide at the sides and full at the back.

Colored embroidery makes up many of the prettier neck bows and it has the advantage of being washable.

Jade bracelets with dainty silver or gold dovetails are among the novelties in the spring jewelry.

The silk skirts are very tight-fitting to the knee; then a full sun pleating is used as a finish.

The princess, both fitting and semi-fitting, the Directorate and the empire, are the daily appearing and the collar band is becoming more and more scarce.

stitch or eyelid work are as dainty as they are serviceable. Empire and princess effects demand that softer and more sheer muselines, batistes, muslins, the cotton volles, crepes and others of similar texture. Old-fashioned brooches, including the giltons of our grandmothers' day, with its mosaic center, are in the very height of fashion.

Silver and rhinestone buttons trim the pale blue grooves of satin crepe which is included in the trousseau of the smart young society woman. Yellow is one of the smartest colors for the separate blouse. Those of handkerchief linen and trimmed with lace dyed to match are especially fetching.

With the return to shorter shoulder lines the scarf is now worn over the shoulders and not thrown off onto the arms, as has been the fashion of late. An expatiate fancy in appearance, but the kerchief of brilliants worn on the head. It is an accompaniment of course, of the most elaborate of the evening costumes.

The deep pointed bodice is already heralded by the reverse position of the pointed girdle which is beginning to turn downward at the front rather than upward.

Cotton Bedford cord is to be had in a wide range of colors. It is similar to plique in appearance, but different enough to appeal to those who like a change.

The fashionable plume is very thick and curls over at the tips, so that two, or even three, of the old kind will be required to produce one of the present vintage.

Very charming lingerie frocks made of all-over embroidery will be worn this summer over colored silk slips with girlish and touches of soft silk or satin to match.

One sees neckties now of white washable material, with the monogram of the wearer done in colors. The letters are small and come just where the scarf pin would ordinarily.

Rice satins are again employed to make the big roses with which not only hats but corsages are garnished. These huge roses do not fade like the ordinary artificial flower.

The polonaise is a growing fashion, and it is more than likely that a good deal of it will be seen next fall. If Louis XV styles are again materialized it will be sure to crop out.

Alms bags are now to be had in linen with belts to match. It is interesting to know that the monogram of this long bag which gave this smart accessory of the toilette its queer name.

The separate waist, though written out of fashion by scribes as regularly as the season changes, and as often brought in by the manufacturers in irresistible styles, continues to flourish.

The gauze muff is huge and flat and is usually trimmed around with the looping pleatings of the gauze, and is worn a good deal at weddings, particularly by bridesmaids. It usually matches the hat.

Men's new cut links consist of a solid bar of gold, so bent in the middle as to form an obtuse angle corresponding with the natural angle formed by the joint of the neck. The ends of the cuffs, as they extend beyond the ends of the coat sleeves.

The curass is the paramount novelty of the evening dress wearing, and a very potent allurement it is. One of its many forms show the entire princess gown, with the lower part of the bodice and the hip portion of the skirt covered with embroidery.

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THE SHOW AT SMITH'S

The show at Smith's theatre for the first three days of this week was indeed a good one. The management bent on keeping their word that they would surprise Bridgeport with high class vaudeville for ten cents. Greiner & La Foss, comedy acrobats, who showed much originality in their line, which nowadays was acts of their kind is a novelty. They finished with a lot of talk among the patrons of this house.

The second number was Pauline La Moine, singing comedienne. Until recently Miss La Moine was a very active member of the Philadelphia exclusive society. She embraced the stage as a pastime. From the cleverness that she showed her friends advised her to continue, and she has since Bridgeport has an opportunity of seeing something that is very rare, namely, a woman on the stage who is really clever, who amuses and more than makes good.

The third number on the program was Tom Fletcher, the well known colored entertainer who was formerly one of the comedians with Williams & Walker's "Bandanna Land." Mr. Fletcher has a very entertaining specialty, which is judged from the applause, pleased the audience immensely.

The closing number were the two well known comedians, Eddy and Hennessy shows resume Wednesday matinee and will continue every day for the balance of the summer without further interruption.

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New York, June 22.—Richard F. Price, a disbarred lawyer, formerly of 24 Court street, Brooklyn, who admits that he has served a sentence in Sing Sing for larceny, and another on the same charge at Blackwell's Island, and is at present in Raymond street jail, awaiting trial on a charge of grand larceny for alleged irregularity in a real estate transaction, has brought suit for \$100,000 damages in the Supreme court of Kings county against Father Ambrose P. Dunnigan of the Church of Our Lady of Loretta, at Hempstead, L. I., charging that Price had induced his wife to leave her home.

According to Price, the priest, who had been his friend for several years, leading that Price had kept his past record and prison sentence secret from his wife when he married her in Jersey City, and Price says he has been unable to induce her to return to him.

Father Dunnigan, through his attorneys, Dykman, Oeland & Kuhn of 189 Montague avenue, in his answer to the summons filed in the Supreme court of Kings county, enters a general denial of the charges made by Price.

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